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Applicant: Yao Xiong Hu

Examiner: Ali Reza Salimi

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For: "Immunological Methodology for Discerning Human Papillomavirus"

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action and Restriction Requirement of July 22, 2002, applicant elects the invention of Group II directed to a diagnostic method. Within Group II, applicant hereby selects Sequence No. 1.

This election is made with traverse based upon the following Remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between the inventions of Claims 1-6 drawn to compositions and the inventions of Claims 7-18 drawn to a diagnostic method using the compositions of Claims 1-6. Applicant elects the inventions of Claims 7-18 drawn to the diagnostic method.

The Examiner has further required restriction within the elected group to a single sequence. Applicant objects to this further requirement for restriction. MPEP Section 2434 states that although

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on this 23 day of December, 2002.

Signed: Robert R. Mallinckrodt Dated: Dec. 23, 2002
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